

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial Number: 10/075,006

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Examiner: Ana Woodward

For: OXYGEN SCAVENGING POLYAMIDE COMPOSITIONS
SUITABLE FOR PET BOTTLE APPLICATIONS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 11-17, 19-23, 34, 37, 38 and 47-49 for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-18 of U.S. patent 6,423,776. It is respectfully submitted that this ground of rejection is not well taken.

In its broadest aspect, the present invention claims:

1. A polyamide composition which comprises:
 - a) a slow crystallizing polyamide blend comprising (i) an amorphous, semiaromatic polyamide homopolymer, copolymer or mixture thereof and (ii) a semicrystalline, aliphatic polyamide homopolymer, copolymer or mixture thereof wherein in the weight ratio of (i):(ii) ranges from about 99:1 to about 30:70;